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News and Events

Early Head Start at GSU

Thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, GSU will receive a two year, \$1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center (FDC).

According to Carol Morrison, Executive Director of the Family Development Center, the grant will enable Governors State University to create 20 new jobs and serve 72 families through Early Head Start, a free, comprehensive program for low-income families.

Early Head Start provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, east of I-57, and the immediate families of GSU staff and students regardless of where they live. Participants need not be students at GSU.

Components of Early Head Start include prenatal support for pregnant women, home visits from a child development specialist, educational opportunities for pregnant women and parents, and support services linking families to social services in the community, as well as infant and toddler childcare.

For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.

60466's Days are Numbered



All GSU faculty and staff are reminded that the university's former ZIP code, 60484, was changed to 60484 on July 1, 2009.

Mailed materials bearing the old ZIP code will only be recognized until July 1, 2010. All departments are encouraged to review all materials (i.e. business cards, website, envelopes, stationery/masthead, forms, marketing materials) to ensure that they are changed to reflect the new ZIP code.

All departments doing business with outside entities are also responsible for informing those entities of the change for correspondence and billing purposes.

The facts:

- New ZIP Code: 60484 (Nine-Digit 60484-0975)
- The university must change the ZIP code on all materials between July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010.

- GSU may continue to use mail materials bearing the old code (60466) through July 1, 2010. Outbound GSU mail bearing an obsolete ZIP code as part of the return address after July 1, 2010 and found to be undeliverable-as-addressed would be considered a dead letter and not be returned sender (GSU).

Toast Faculty Authors

The University Library is hosting the Faculty Authors Reception celebrating the publishing achievements of the GSU faculty during the past year on Wednesday, March 10, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Library balcony. More than 40 works will be on display. Faculty and staff are invited to view the many examples of recent works by GSU colleagues.

Library Friends Meet

The next GSU Friends of the Library meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, at noon, in the Library Conference Room. Old friends, new friends, and passing acquaintances are welcome.

Dialing for Dollars

The GSU Phonathon is underway and looking for student callers to assist in the university's Annual Fund campaign. Interested students should be reliable, enthusiastic, and personable. Students callers are paid and will benefit from other great incentives and a fun and friendly atmosphere. For an immediate interview, call 708.235.2188.

Copyright and Copy-wrong

The University Library is sponsoring a faculty workshop entitled Copyright Compliance & the Classroom in the Digital Age on Wednesday, March 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in D2401C (Library classroom).

The session will address common questions about how to comply with copyright law in the classroom and online. For instance, can a professor download the PDF file from a library database, email it to his students through WebCT, and still comply with copyright law? Make sure you're on the right side of the digital divide.

Why Not? Winter Winner

Join President Maimon as she announces the Winter 2010 "Why Not?" winner. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 16, at noon, in the cafeteria. The entire university community is invited.

Founded on the principle of new ideas, Governors State University will continue to grow with your help. Make constructive suggestions on "Why Not?" about policies, processes, and practices in the university that you think need to improve and receive a guaranteed response. Have your voice heard and your ideas implemented by submitting your suggestion to the "[Why Not?](#)" website.



Rock On

Break Time! The Student Senate is sponsoring a dance and celebration on Friday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. There will be music, a DJ, dancing, refreshments, and giveaways. Prizes include Netbooks, iPods, and individual recorders.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP required. Contact studentsenate@govvst.edu and bring a date!

Let's Get Fit Workshops

The Let's Get Fit program is sponsoring free workshops to help enhance good health and well-being. Workshops are free and open to anyone interested in learning more and improving their health.

A discussion of Neck and Back Pain will be held on March 10. A workshop on Nutrition will be held on March 23. Healthy Heart is the topic on March 30 and on April 13 osteoporosis will be discussed. All workshops are from noon to 1 p.m. in D34115.

For more information on Let's Get Fit workshops or to join the program, contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468.

Talking 'Bout Learning

Faculty and staff are invited to attend *Conversations - How Do We Know What Students Have Learned?* on Wednesday, March 24, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The workshop, sponsored by the Committee on Quality Improvement and Accreditation (CQIA), will be formatted around both small and large group conversations on the topic.

Student Senate Elections



The GSU Student Senate is as strong and active as students want it to be. Get involved. Run for office. Vote in the election. Let your voice be heard.

Candidates are currently being sought to run in the April Student Senate elections for one-year terms. Students interested in serving as a senator are encouraged to visit www.govst.edu/studentsenate to review the duties and responsibilities of a student senator.

Election packets are also available [online](#). Completed, time-stamped candidate petitions are due to the Interim Director of Student Engagement and College Relations (A2103) on Monday, March 15, by 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 31, candidates will meet for an election forum and campaign speeches, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The elections will be held online at <https://eballot.votenet.com/GOVST> from April 5 to 9. Any computer or electronic device with Internet access can be used for polling.

If you have any election questions, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) (Interim Director of Student Engagement and College Relations) at 708.534.4552.

Workshops in Kankakee

GSU is conducting professional development workshops on a variety of topics at the GSU Kankakee Education Center this spring.

Workshops include *Time Management*, offered on Saturdays, March 20 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The instructor is Lori Townsend.

Supervisory Fundamentals will be offered on Saturdays, April 10 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The instructor is Lynita Gebhardt.

Workshops may be taken for credit or non-credit. Each course is one credit hour if taken for university credit. There are no prerequisites.

The GSU Kankakee Education Center is located at 187 S. Schuyler Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois. For more information or to register, call (800) 478-8478, ext. 4099 or visit www.govst.edu/sxl/workshops.

CBPA Students Excel

Four students from the College of Business and Public Administration participated in the 2010 APICS Great Lakes District Annual Student Case Competition held on February 19 and 20, in Downers Grove.

John Anderson, Bharat Kumar Chandra, Katherine Schippits, and Chun Tin Wong were given a case about a company in decline, and they presented their analysis and strategy to the professionals of the APICS organization. Several universities Midwestern universities competed. GSU's team was placed third, and won a cash award of \$480, which will be used to support GSU's APICS Club.

Rhymes with GSU

The Civil Service Senate announces the Third Annual St. Paddy's Day Limerick Contest.

Our limerick contest is keen.

The topic's the GSU scene.

No more than three

And make sure that they be...

No worse than PG-13

All limericks should be sent to [Lynne Clayton](#), Room G256, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 10. They will be pre-screened by a panel of impartial judges. Finalists will be asked to read or have someone read their entries on Wednesday, March 17, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The top three winners will be chosen by the audience in attendance.

There are three rules:*

1. Limericks must reference GSU and/or the GSU community and environs
2. No more than 3 limericks per person
3. And please - KEEP IT CLEAN!

*The pre-screening committee reserves the right to disqualify any limerick that they deem inappropriate.

Decide on GSU

GSU will host Instant Decision Day: An Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is open to all students looking to transfer into one of GSU's bachelor's degree completion programs.

Prospective students are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts. Admission counselors and academic program advisors will be on hand to review transcripts and provide students with an instant decision on whether or not they could be admitted to the university.

General information about the university, specific undergraduate programs, and financial aid will be available. Prospective students will be able to meet with faculty, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors.

For more information, contact the GSU Office of Admission at 708.534.4490.

Chicago Heights

Chicago Heights, a film produced, directed, and acted by members of the GSU community, was screened as part of the Jubilee Film Festival in Selma, Alabama on Saturday, March 6. The festival is part of the annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee in Selma, which commemorates 'Bloody Sunday,' the day when a long line of peaceful demonstrators were brutally attacked by Alabama state troopers as they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Sunday, March 7, 1965.

Chicago Heights included contributions both in front of and behind the camera by GSU MFA in Independent Film & Digital Imaging students and graduates including Keisha Dyson, Seth McClellan, and Mercedes Kane, with additional cinematography by Dirk Fletcher and lighting by Don Winter and contributions from Leah Shortell, Benny Stewart, Stephanie Portner, Homer Talbert, Victor Collazo, Lynn Werth, Barbara Hogu, and Robin Thompson. The film was directed by associate professor Daniel Nearing, academic coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging, and produced by Sanghoon Lee, assistant professor of Independent Film and Digital Imaging.

PC Gala

The Psychology and Counseling Annual Gala will be held on April 16, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the University Golf Club, in University Park. The celebration is open to students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and includes dinner, DJ, and dancing.

This event is sponsored by Chi Sigma Iota, Illinois Counseling Association, the College of Education, and the GSU Alumni Association. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required.

For more information or to register, email ica-sci@govst.edu.

